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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 3486

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SUBJECT: SUHARTO REELECTED PRESIDENT BY MPR

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1. PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS BEEN REELECTED AS PRESIDENT/ MANDATARIS FOR A SECOND FIVE- YEAR TERM BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE PEOPLE' S CONGRESS (MPR). THE ELECTION TOOK PLACE THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 22 AT THE SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

OF THE MPR.

2. SUHARTO, THE SOLE CANDIDATE, HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY ALL FIVE MPR FACTIONS (GOLKAR, DEVELOPMENT UNITY, DEMOCRACY DEVELOPMENT, ARMED FORCES AND THE GROUP APPOINTED BY THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES).

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, 770 MEMBERS OF THE 920 MEMBER CONGRESS WERE PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE ELECTION SESSION,
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WHICH LASTED ONLY EIGHT MINUTES AND TOOK PLACE DURING A
HEAVY DOWNPOUR. SEVERAL MEMBERS WERE OBSERVED ARRIVING
LATE, AFTER THE SESSION HAD ADJOURNED.

4. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE SWORN IN THIS MORNING, MARCH 23,
AT A FULL SESSION OF THE MPR TO WHICH THE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS HAS BEEN INVITED. END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. COMMENT: REELECTION OF PRESIDENT BY MPR IS ANOTHER
NON- EVENT IN THIS ALMOST TOTALLY UNEVENTFUL MPR SESSION.
WHILE REPORTED HEAVY RAINFALL MAY INDEED HAVE CONTRIBUTED
TO SPARSE ATTENDANCE AT THE PRESIDENT' S RE- ELECTION, ABSENT
MEMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM THE SAME MASSIVE BOREDOM TO
WHICH OUTSIDE OBSERVERS OF THE MPR HAVE SUCCUMBED.
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